

Data collection tool:

For all cosmetic products sold in California, the California Safe Cosmetics Act requires the manufacturer, packer, and/or distributor named on the product label to provide to the California Safe Cosmetics Program (CSCP) a list of all cosmetic products that contain any ingredients known or suspected to cause cancer, birth defects, or other developmental or reproductive harm. The CSCP maintains a list of “reportable” ingredients. The California Safe Cosmetics Act applies to all manufacturers, packers, and/or distributors listed on cosmetic product labels. Companies with reportable ingredients in their products must submit information to the California Safe Cosmetics Program if the company:

- Has annual aggregate sales of cosmetic products of one million dollars or more, and
- Has sold cosmetic products in California on or after January 1, 2007.

The CSCP maintains an online reporting system for companies to report products and reportable ingredients. The data reflect information that has been reported to the CSCP. All products containing carcinogens or developmental or reproductive toxicants may not be included, due to companies failing to report.

Some ingredients have been reported to the CSCP as “trade secret.” If “trade secret” is listed as an ingredient for a product on this website, it means that one or more ingredients are known or suspected to cause cancer, birth defects, or other developmental or reproductive harm, but that the reporting company has elected to designate the information as “trade secret.”

The term “trade secret” refers to information not generally known to the public, which gives the holder of the information some sort of economic benefit. This may include formulas, patterns, or devices. Trade secret information, including ingredients exempt from disclosure on cosmetics labels, is not exempt from CSCP reporting requirements. However, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) cannot make any confidential and/or trade secret information available to the public unless the outcome of a CDPH investigation deems the information is not confidential and/or a trade secret.